



WORK SHEET

Module 5.1

LOW-WATER CROSSING

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ANSWER KEY

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A normally dry roadway area that allows water to cross in the event of sustained heavy rainfall or sudden thunderstorms and is normally a dry area.

2. How would you recognize a low-water crossing?

Sometimes warning signs are posted, but mostly whenever the driver sees moving water across the roadway.

3. Why are low-water crossings so dangerous?

Nearly half of all flash flood fatalities are vehicle related.

4. Where does a driver look for problem areas?

Look out for flooding at highway dips, bridges, and low areas.

5. What types of vehicles are a problem at low-water crossings?

Any type of vehicle is dangerous, as even the largest and heaviest of vehicles will float.

6. How much water does it take to lose control of the vehicle?

Six inches of water may cause you to lose control of your vehicle, while two feet of water will carry most cars away.

7. How can a driver avoid potential problems?

Heed all flood and flash flood watches and warnings and keep abreast of road conditions through the news media.